

A lasting connection



Allan's story

Allan is the kind of person who makes connections last a lifetime.

When his wife, Marie, was cared for on our In-Patient Unit, he experienced first-hand the compassion and kindness that meant so much to them both. Marie spent her final weeks there, giving them precious time together as a family – including a very special visit from their twin granddaughters, just six months old at the time. This is time Allan still holds close to his heart.

After Marie died, Allan made a promise. Each year, he returns to the Hospice to write her a letter in the visitors' book – sharing family news, milestones, and everyday moments. From their two sons to their now seven grandchildren, from university graduations to life in Claygate, even to finally getting around to decorating the living room – nothing is too big or too small to tell Marie.

And, 25 years on, Allan still keeps that promise, returning every April.

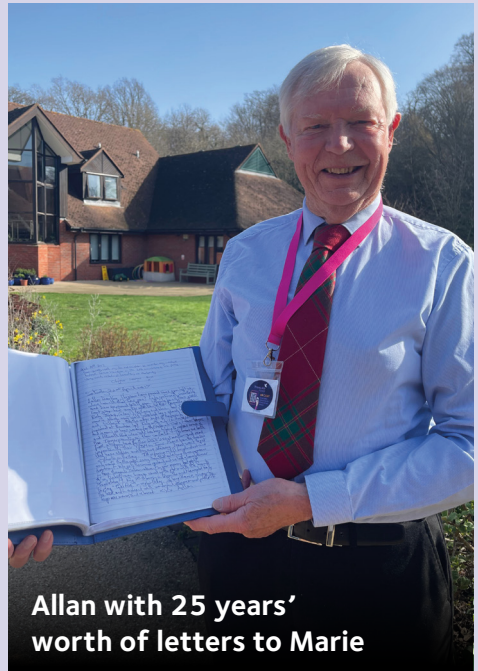
Allan's warmth and loyalty shine through in everything he does. He remains closely connected to our Hospice community, taking part in events and attending Light up a Life each year. On one memorable occasion, the 1st Claygate Scout and Guide Band – where Allan was Vice President – played at the service, a moment that brought together two parts of his life.

We were delighted to welcome Allan back to the Hospice this year, where our Spiritual Care Lead, Steve Nolan, presented him with a folder of his letters from the past 25 years – a special event for us all and memories he has proudly shared with his family.

In gratitude for the care Marie received, Allan has chosen to leave a gift in his Will to Princess Alice Hospice – something he



Allan and his wife, Marie



Allan with 25 years' worth of letters to Marie

describes as a simple and natural decision, to help ensure other families can receive the same kindness and support.

We are so grateful to Allan, and to everyone who chooses to remember the Hospice in this special way.

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